

## Find Your Greenbelt Roots In the GNR Digital Archive

by Deanna Dawson

The News Review celebrated its 84th birthday on November 24, and completion of the paper's digital archive project was surely the highlight of the year. The last batch of newly digitized issues was uploaded to the News Review server in mid-October, and the complete set of issues can now be viewed at [greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives). The Greenbelt Archive Project ([greenbeltarchive.org](http://greenbeltarchive.org)), assisted by staff from University of Maryland Libraries, scanned

newsprint originals of all papers produced before early 2002, after which the papers were "born digital" (i.e., created electronically), compiled the scanned pages into a pdf file for each issue of the paper and ran an optical character recognition process on the pdfs so the text can be digitally searched and copied.

The papers were uploaded also to the Internet Archive: [archive.org/details/greenbelt-news-review?&sort=date](http://archive.org/details/greenbelt-news-review?&sort=date) (that last bit

orders them by publication date), an online library whose content can be uploaded and stored at no cost and is freely accessible to the public. Having the full set of papers on more than one server and website makes them more secure, and Internet Archive may be better equipped than the News Review to maintain digital media into the future. The two websites also have different display and search capabilities.

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## Greenbelters Help an Afghan Family Create a New Home

by Melissa Sites

During the week before Christmas, my husband Ian got an extra day off, so I knew it was time to spring into action and deliver donations from Greenbelt to Afghans setting up an apartment in Northern Virginia. Two different people had offered couches, and the Afghan family had chosen the larger couch. Fortunately, we could still fit it into a regular Toyota passenger van, lent to us by Amy Hansen and Bobby Candey. Bobby removed the seats from the van, and Ian and I drove over to Westchester Tower to pick up the couch. Our son Jamie met us there, but lo and behold, some delivery men who were moving the new couch in, kindly helped us get the old couch out.



Couch moving day

After Jamie and Ian wiggled the couch into the van, we drove around Greenbelt picking up other useful donations, including a vacuum cleaner, a nice teak chair, a bar stool, a coffee table and a rug. I was very impressed by how fast the folks on the Greenbelt Buy Nothing Facebook Group responded to requests that the Afghan families had sent. One very happy donor even went to Marshall's and bought brand new bedding to donate to the family. We couldn't fit everything that was offered into one trip!

### Delivery

It took about an hour to drive to Northern Virginia. With the Christmas holiday rapidly approaching, we did not know what traffic might look like, but it was not that bad. When we arrived at the apartment, a young man who spoke excellent English came out to meet us. He and my husband successfully wrestled the couch to the second-floor apartment. "That was tiring," the

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## Green Ridge House Opens Waiting List

Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt's HUD Section 8-202 apartment building, will open its waiting list from Tuesday, January 18 through Friday, January 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Green Ridge House is an independent living apartment building located at 22 Ridge Road.

Applicants must apply in person at Green Ridge House during the above date and time periods. Covid-19 precautions will apply and masks are required. Applicants must be 62 years of age or older, and must have with them a valid state ID or driver's license and their social security card. Applications cannot be accepted without these two items.

To determine eligibility, a credit and criminal background check will be performed for all applicants. They should be prepared to move within 30 days once they receive a call that a unit is available.

Rent is based upon 30 percent of income within a maximum gross income of \$45,150 for individuals and \$51,600 for couples. All apartments are one-bedroom units. Only applicants who would consider moving within the next six months to one year should apply. For more information, call 301-474-7595.

## What Goes On

All Recreation facilities are closed until Monday, January 10.

**Friday, December 31**

New Year's Eve, City Offices Closed

**Monday, January 3**

8 p.m. Worksession: TBD

**Wednesday, January 5**

8 p.m. Worksession: TBD

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

## Top Stories of 2021

The News Review presents highlights of the past year. The reviews were prepared by Matt Arbach, Donna Hoffmeister, Cathie Meetre, Diane Oberg and Pat Scully.

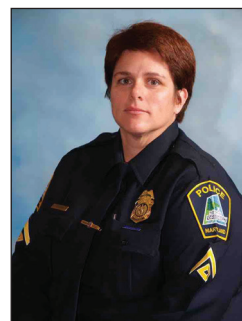
### Vaccine Site at Metro

The Greenbelt Metro Station became a mass Covid-19 vaccination site, operated by FEMA in conjunction with the State of Maryland and staffed by Air Force and Coast Guard workers. The site distributed more than 116,000 needle jabs during its operations from April 7 through June 1, giving its 100,000th shot on May 13. The site distributed the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which requires just one shot. The site was closed based on slowing demand for the vaccine, which had become more widely and readily available as the year progressed, following the mad scramble to find a shot in the early spring.

Former President Barack Obama visited the Greenbelt Metro site on May 6, as he was making a video to be used to encourage everyone to get vaccinated. He waved, elbow bumped, thanked the workers and praised those getting vaccinated: "Way to be good citizens!"

### Officer Chris Peters

On January 2, 22-year veteran of the Greenbelt police force Corporal Christine Peters was struck by a vehicle while she was on foot assisting U.S. Park Police at an accident on Edmonston Road north of Cherrywood Lane. She died from her injuries on January 14. Representatives from numerous local police forces, including Berwyn Heights, Langley Park, Bowie and the U.S. Park Police, as well as Greenbelt's Volunteer Fire



Cpl. Chris Peters

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NASA's James Webb Space Telescope launches on Ariane's Ariane 5 rocket on Saturday, December 25. See story, page 12.



# Letters to the Editor

## Why Did Ard Leave?

Only one employee of the City of Greenbelt is recruited, hired by the city council: the city manager, the equivalent of the chief executive of our city. Review of and evaluation of the performance of the city manager is not a personnel question, relevant only to council. It is a review of and evaluation of the council itself, relevant to the whole of Greenbelt and should occur in public meeting.

After months, and many closed sessions, the president, near the end of the December 20 worksession, reading from a city news release announced the leaving of Nicole Ard. Was her leaving voluntary? Was her contract with the city expired? Was she guilty of some excess of authority or practice? Is council?

Bill Orleans

## Joy

The 2021 winter solstice was celebrated in style on December 21 at 8 Laurel Hill's back yard thanks to our neighbors Catherine and John and Paul. Three fires provided warmth, and a focal point for chatting. Lanterns guided our way and outlined the area.

The light rain did not curtail the sharing. Nor did it prevent friends from nearby courts joining us.

And, oh, how it enabled us to catch up. A new neighbor who just moved in. News of one who has relocated to a larger unit. Input from a couple who have been in our court since the summer. Plans for the holidays. And, as always, a commitment to do this again soon.

I thank my neighbors for reminding me why Greenbelt, and GHI especially, are so special.

Patricia Novinski

## Radio Interference

GHI has 6,000 heat pumps. They are trying to avoid federal laws concerning ham radio interference.

I am an engineer who has done mechanical and electrical engineering, naval architecture and electronics. I went to the federal maritime academy. I took air-conditioning and heating in college. I was a regulatory electrical engineer with the govern-

ment for 10 years. I am also an extra class ham radio operator with an FCC license. This is the highest license.

When I listen to my ham radio every 30 kilohertz I hear strong noise levels. The radio interference varies. I did all my homework. GHI told me that there are 6,000 units in the cooperative.

Federal law requires that man-made devices must not cause radio interference that can degrade radio communication.

All of the Mitsubishi heat pumps installed in GHI homes cause radio interference.

It is so bad that I can't use my radio. With all due respect, this is totally illegal according to Federal Communications Commission laws. The design itself is flawed.

I tried to resolve the problem diplomatically by calling Mitsubishi on the phone. I tried to talk with them and they hung up the phone on me. I warned the general manger via email months ago that this could be a major problem. He did not respond to my email. GHI told me that I had to contact member services with this issue. Are member services competent technical authorities?

I want to resolve this amicably. I consider this to be a major issue. There are millions of these heat pumps installed across America. I am a licensed member of the FCC. I legally have the right to use my ham radio without interference.

If I have to, I will take legal action against all parties involved. I don't want to. However, if it comes to this, I will. The federal ham radio association will provide me lawyers and technical experts if I have to go to court.

With all due respect, why didn't GHI investigate this before they approved the heat pumps?

Randy Crenwelge



## Corrections

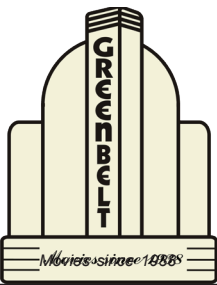
In the December 16 article on the service of former councilmembers Leta Mach and Edward Putens, Tom Reynolds is the current, not former, director of education services for the Maryland Municipal League.

In the photo in last week's issue showing Kathleen McFarland (then Scott) playing the clarinet, she was instructed by Paul Garrett (not Garret), who was the director of the newly formed Greenbelt Community Band, not the Greenbelt High School band.



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Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

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GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

## On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

### Julia

This 2021 documentary tells the story of Julia Child, the legendary cookbook author and television superstar who changed the way Americans think about food, television and even about women. Using never-before-seen archival footage, personal photos, first-person narratives and cutting-edge, mouth-watering food cinematography, the film traces Child's surprising path, from her struggles to create and publish the revolutionary Mastering the Art of French Cooking (1961), which has sold more than 2.5 million copies to date, to her empowering story of a woman who found fame in her 50s, and her calling as an unlikely television sensation. Brian Grazer and Ron Howard serve as executive producers.

Running time 95 minutes. Rated PG-13

### The Women

In this 1939 film, Mary Haines (Norma Shearer) can't believe her husband is having an affair with salesgirl Crystal (Joan Crawford). But when Sylvia (Rosalind Russell) and Edith (Phyllis Povah) deliver the gossip firsthand, Mary heads to Reno for a divorce. En route she meets Countess de Lave (Mary Boland) and Miriam (Paulette Goddard), who coincidentally, is having an affair with Sylvia's husband. Once in Reno, the Countess finds another beau, Sylvia shows up for a divorce and Mary plots to win back her man.

Running time 133 minutes. Not rated.



# Community Events

## At the Library

All Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) branches will be closed Friday, December 31 through Monday, January 3 for the New Year’s holiday. All regularly operating branches will reopen on Tuesday, January 4, at 1 p.m.

### Covid-19 Test Kits

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System’s supply of Covid-19 rapid antigen self-test kits has been exhausted. An announcement will be issued via pgcmls.info and @PGCMLS on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram when additional test kits become available. Customers should call 240-455-5451 or email askalibrarian@pgcmls.info with questions.

Library staff are maintaining a Covid-19 Testing Resources guide that can help individuals source PCR and rapid antigen testing from various local and online providers. Visit pgcmls.info/coronavirus for more information.

### Covid-19 Vaccines

The remaining PGCMLS Covid-19 vaccine clinics are both at the New Carrollton branch. First, second or booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine are available at each clinic. Appointments are not required. The supply of vaccines is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Vaccines for children are going quickly at the PGCMLS clinics and may not be available toward the end of the scheduled clinic time. Dates are: Monday, January 10, noon to 5 p.m. for ages 5 and up, and Tuesday January 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., ages 12 and up. At the second clinic, flu shots are also offered.

### U.S. Passports

The Greenbelt Library, along with five other PGCMLS branches (Accokeek, Largo-Kettering, Laurel, New Carrollton and Oxon Hill), resumed service as a U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility on November 1. Applications are accepted by appointment, so schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting pgmls.info/passport-services. Families with multiple applicants must schedule separate appointments for each person.

### FAFSA Help

Live assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application is offered via Brainfuse HelpNow. This service provides students and families with personalized support as they navigate the process of applying to college and seeking federal financial aid. Tutors are available Mondays through Thursdays from 2 to 11 p.m. to assist students and parents with the FAFSA application at any stage in the application process.



## Racial Equity Alliance Meets This Tuesday

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) monthly meeting is on Tuesday, January 4 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items include reparations, city elections, the 2022 Maryland Legislative session, evictions, ARPA funds and the Greenbelt FY 2023 budget. For a link to the meeting, go to the GREA website at greenbeltraciaequity.org/events.

## Join a Composting Workout Saturday

On Saturday January 8, join in a composting work session anytime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the three-bin hot composting station behind Roosevelt Center, alongside the Aquatic Center. This is a chance to burn some post-holiday calories and commune safely with others outdoors. Help build a compost pile and learn about how hot composting works. Elementary through high school kids are invited to join in. There’s lots of work to be done.

Volunteers can help chop buckets of food waste donated from the Co-op Supermarket, or mix food with browns and water to get the cook going. Then the buckets need to be washed. Snacks will be provided.

After the cook, when temperatures rise to 130 to 150 degrees, which destroys seeds and pathogens, experienced volunteers will feed the “yummy” mix to red wiggler worms living on the loading dock of the New Deal Café. To help with that (every Sunday), reply to the email below.

To keep food scraps from the landfill where they produce methane, one of the worst greenhouse gases, and learn more about composting, join other composters. Email NewDealWigglers@gmail.com to join in or for more information.

## Local Blood Drives In January, February

As a result of low blood donor turnout in recent months, the Red Cross is heading into the holidays with its lowest blood supply in more than a decade.

To help, American Legion Post 136 is sponsoring a blood drive on Monday, January 3. Greenbelt Recreation is holding blood drives on Fridays, January 14 and February 11. Multiple appointment times are available at each drive, but they fill up fast and walk-ins are not permitted.

Find the drives and sign up at redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive. Search zip code 20770 under Find a Drive.

## Meetings that Work For Everyone

In ongoing sessions of the Committee for Dynamic Community Governance, sighted and unsighted participants have developed the key elements of a universal design for meetings that meet the needs of everyone. Here’s the link to the second recording: tinyurl.com/CDCGsession2.

Learn the basics of dynamic community governance and contribute ideas in Session 3 on Tuesday, January 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. by Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/7323013592 (or tinyurl.com/JoinSession3).

To participate by phone, dial 415-762-9988; when prompted enter Meeting ID 7323013592# followed by # again.

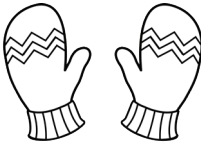
Those who have trouble joining the meeting can call John at 410-245-8654.

The following is some feedback from Session 2: “I liked the validation of everyone’s voices throughout. Putting everything together from scratch is an innovation.”

“Practiced the skills to be more inclusive, accessible and accommodating.”

“Lots more listening than I’m used to and that is a good thing.”

Everyone is welcome, including those joining for the first time. Visit the screen reader-friendly/ADA accessible website at dynamic-governance.org or contact Aileen@dynamic-governance.org.



## Give or Get Hats, Gloves and Scarves

Realty 1 is collecting and distributing hats, gloves and scarves. Anyone can give to or receive from Working Together to Keep Greenbelt Warm. Contact Linda Ivy at 301-675-0585 to donate or receive warm hats, gloves or scarves.



GIVE BLOOD  
GIVE LIFE

# Happy Holidays

THE GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW, OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EDITOR, AND STAFF WISH YOU A PEACEFUL AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON. LET PEACE AND HOPE REMAIN IN YOUR HEARTS AS YOU BEGIN A NEW YEAR.

WITH MANY THANKS,  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR!

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Department, paid tribute at her funeral procession on January 22. On November 5, a sign beside the road at the site of the accident was dedicated in her memory.

## Covid-19 and Greenbelt

A driving force in 2021 was the first full year of Covid-19 and the arrival of vaccinations. Most organizations went to virtual everything and many locations remained closed, only gradually opening as the year went on and vaccinations began to take a bite out of the spread. Schools went back to in-person learning in September, the Greenbelt Library cautiously reopened and the Old Greenbelt Theatre opened its doors to the vaccinated. Other local businesses followed as they could.

But as fall went on, more transmissible variants – first Delta and then Omicron – began to appear, setting things back. Masks again became compulsory and, as Christmas approached, testing sites were inundated and schools announced a return to remote learning.

Greenbelt followed the pattern of Prince George’s County, with cases and vaccinations following similar curves. Vaccination percentages remained lower in the county than in Montgomery and Howard counties, though higher than others.

## Maglev Chugs Along

On January 15, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) released the Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the proposal to build a Baltimore-to-Washington Superconducting Magnetic Levitation (SCMaglev) train. By the May 24 deadline for public comment, the city (through its legal counsel on SCMaglev, Jill Grant and Associates), other elected officials, many residents and local, civic and environmental groups submitted responses critical of the DEIS. On August 6, the FRA denied a Freedom of Information Act request for ridership data because they said they needed to protect trade secrets and personal information. On August 25, the FRA paused its review of the DEIS. After that, the Army



PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

**On May 11, Library Associate Robert Thomas grandly re-opens the doors to the Library as it resumes in-person hours.**



PHOTO BY ROD SIMMONS

**The Pine Barrens habitat in BARC is endangered by the maglev.**

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## Greenbelt Access Television Dec 31, Fri – Jan 6, Thu

Verizon FIOS Channel 19 • Comcast 77  
(School Programming on Your Cable Guide)  
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7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	GATe Classic Film	A Star is Born • 1937 Janet Gaynor
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Kenmoor v Samuel Ogle Middle
2pm	Music at the New Deal	La Unica (1st Set) • Irish Folk • Latin • Funk
3pm	GATe Classic Film	A Star is Born • 1937 Janet Gaynor
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# Obituaries

## David V. Peterson

Family and friends are saddened to hear of the death of Greenbelt resident David V. Peterson. Born in Montevideo, Minn., on November 11, 1932, David served proudly for four years in the U.S. Air Force and then attended the University of Minnesota. For the majority of his career, he was a railroad track specialist fulfilling national and international contracts. David arrived in D.C. to work on the foundation of Metro in 1976. He retired from WMATA, Transit Local 689 in 1995.

In retirement, David was an avid bridge player. He played weekly at the Greenbelt Community Center, Bowie Senior Center and Glenn Dale Community Center.

David was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 136, the College Park Moose and the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America. He sang with The Singing Capital Chorus of DC for over two decades and later sang with the Hometown USA Chorus.

David is survived by his wife, Susan; sister, Janice Jurgenson of Minnesota; daughter, Sonja (Greg) Hughes of Greenbelt; sons, Michael, Richard, Gary and Daniel; stepson, Christopher Martel; nine grandchildren, including R.J. Thornburg of Greenbelt, three great-grandchildren and other extended family.

At David's request, a celebration of life will be held at the Greenbelt American Legion in 2022.

## City, M-NCPPC Close Facilities into January

Due to the rise in Covid-19 cases, the City of Greenbelt has decided that effective Tuesday, December 28, the Municipal Building and Greenbelt Recreation facilities, including the Community Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Youth Center and the Aquatic & Fitness Center, will be closed to the public and all non-essential personnel will work remotely until Monday, January 10. Essential staff will continue to work as directed in person during this time period. Monitor the City of Greenbelt website and social media channels for official city updates.

In related news, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, announced that it will close most facilities, reduce park maintenance operations and cancel public events and programs from Wednesday, December 29 through Tuesday, January 18. All parks and trails will remain open and previously scheduled rentals will be honored. The Department will reassess the status prior to reopening.



Our sympathies to the family and friends of David Hunt, a longtime Greenbelt resident who died on December 19 at Luminis Doctors Hospital.

Our condolences go also to David Peterson's family and friends on his recent death. He was an avid bridge player and sang in barbershop quartets.

A big congratulations to all those Greenbelters who worked long and hard to get the James Webb Space Telescope successfully launched on December 25.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



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young man said. He was in his early 20s, but my husband, in his early 50s, agreed. Meanwhile, I scurried about with the cushions and the sundry items that were in the van. We soon had everything moved into the apartment. Some of their community members had provided a mattress for them – they had been in the apartment for just two days. The young man hospitably offered us tea, but we declined, citing that there was bound to be traffic on the Beltway.

### Refugee Services Slim

During 2021, as part of my training to become a deacon in the Episcopal church, I volunteered with Lutheran Social Services for nine months, learning about refugee reception and placement and coordinating donations. This was helpful experience when August brought one of the largest refugee settlement challenges the U.S. has ever seen. This challenge has been exacerbated by the fact that very few refugees were allowed into the U.S. during the past four years, so that the resettlement agencies lost most of their staff. Now, local Afghans who are already U.S. citizens are reaching out to their friends and relatives who are coming to join them, largely without the aid that the U.S. usually provides, because the resettlement agencies are so overwhelmed.

### Greenbelters Pitch In

I am certainly not the only

Greenbelter reaching out to help Afghans. I have seen trucks full of donations that friends and neighbors have gathered going out to help our new neighbors. Greenbelt Community Church has been especially responsive to requests. The trip I made last week will not be the last, as many hundreds of people are still trying to find and set up apartments in the already crowded local housing market. It is a wonderful feeling to see how eager Greenbelters are to help

"We brought these things to you from Greenbelt, Maryland," I told the young Afghans.

"Thank you so much!" they said, with big smiles.

## Luminis Doctors Hospital Shifts to Emergency Mode

Measures implemented at Luminis Doctors Hospital on December 27 shifted it into an emergency mode. This includes "adapting documentation requirements, adjusting and prioritizing surgical schedules, delaying non-life-threatening surgeries, and altering care delivery models to ensure our ability to care for

patients. These standards of care are based on best practices and guided by ethical principles."

The hospital has seen a 325 percent increase in admissions due to Covid-19 since December 1, and notes that, "The majority of hospitalized patients with Covid-19 remain unvaccinated."



Santa Claus rides an antique firetruck around Lakeside North.

PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY of GREENBELT

During the pandemic, we gather VIRTUALLY for Liturgy of the Word Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

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For ZOOM link:

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The Bible Says...

Happy New Year!

This is what the Lord Almighty says:  
"Give Careful Thought To Your Ways."

Haggai 1:7

What will you do to make 2022 your best year yet?



IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services  
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- Sunday Mass:
  - Sat vigil 5pm\*
  - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
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City Notes

Animal Control captured a feral kitten now being rehabilitated for adoption. After one dog was adopted and one abandoned cat impounded, shelter residents are eight cats, six kittens and three dogs.

The Planning Department conducted an annual inspection of Green Ridge House. No eviction notices were served anywhere in Greenbelt.

Donate Sneakers For People in Need

The Board of Congregational Life at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment. The sneakers are sent to countries where the poor often go barefoot out of necessity. For more information about GotSneakers, go to their website at GotSneakers.com.

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time. GotSneakers will pay GCC a varying amount for name-brand and off-brand laced-up sneakers with no tears inside or outside. The company even pays for cleaning and shipping – all GCC does is collect sneakers.

City Offers Rent, Utility Assistance

Through CARES, those who live within the city limits of Greenbelt are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 per household from the American Rescue Plan Act federal funds for emergency rental assistance. Applicants must show financial hardship due to Covid-19. Previous recipients of rental or utility assistance funds can apply but the previous balances count toward the total grant award allowed.

Email [Cares@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:Cares@greenbeltmd.gov) or call 301-345-6660 to receive an application.

Social Security Admin. Warns of Scams

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has issued a warning about ongoing scams related to Social Security numbers. The SSA notes that it will never threaten, scare or pressure anyone to take an immediate action. A call, text or email that threatens to suspend a Social Security number; warns of arrest or other legal action; demands immediate payment by gift card, prepaid debit card, internet currency or mailing cash; pressures for personal information; requests secrecy; threatens to seize a bank account; or promises to increase the Social Security benefit is a scam.

Scammers may try to gain trust by providing fake documentation or evidence or giving the name of a real government official. Do not give money or personal information when threatened or pressured. Ignore the scammers – hang up and do not respond. Government employees will not threaten you or demand immediate payment.

Those receiving suspicious calls, texts or emails that mention Social Security can report them to the SSA Office of the Inspector General at [OIG.SSA.gov](http://OIG.SSA.gov).



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 3-7

- Monday, January 3 at 8 pm, **WORK SESSION – NO MEETING**
- Tuesday, January 4 at 7:00 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**, *On the Agenda: Committee procedures & policy, Community policing, Roadside signage proliferation and its effect on public safety*
- Wednesday, January 5 at 8 pm, **WORK SESSION – NO MEETING**
- Wednesday, January 5 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Election of APB Chair, Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update, Electric Vehicle Infrastructure*
- Thursday, January 6 at 6:00 pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, *On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, 2021 Post-Election Review, Other business*

*In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov)*

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER IS SEEKING NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

- If you enjoy working with the public, please apply at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs)
- Recreation Assistants (Community Center)
- Part-time, supportive work culture.
- Strong COVID protocols in place for employees and the public.

GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT

- Starts on Wednesday, January 12, 2022**
- Free services offered:**  
Diapers, formula, baby accessories monthly; baby wellness nursing assessment; baby milestone progress review; information/resource linkage; healthy eating education
- This program is available to:  
Families living in the city limits of Greenbelt  
Children ages newborn to 3 years old  
Children who wear diapers or pull-ups
- To register, call 240-542-2019 or email [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov)**

ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM & PAINT RECYCLING

- Saturday, January 22, 2022**  
**9 AM - 12 NOON**  
**Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent**
- NO Alkaline Batteries  
NO Tube TVs
- \$5 per paint container
- Questions? Call 301-474-8004**

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- If you have any questions, contact Kim Potts 301-474-7595**

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION!

- Your discarded Christmas tree can be recycled. Public Works will pickup trees at locations listed online. Please insure all ornaments and lights are removed. Drop off your trees for recycling at specified areas up until February 11, 2022.
- GHI**
- Ridge Road, 73 Court (opposite playground)
  - Plateau Place and Ridge Road (corner on playground side)
  - Research Road and Hillside Road (corner)
  - Ridge Road, 44 Court (Area near playground)
  - Eastway & Crescent Road (corner)
  - Ridge Road, 21 Court (across from Green Ridge House)

- Crescent Road and Ridge Road (playground at junction)
  - Parkway (corner across from 58 Court Crescent Road)
  - Parkway (corner across from Community Church)
  - Southway, 7 Court (playground at Little League field)
  - Ridge Road, 11 Court and 13 Court (area between courts)
- BOXWOOD**
- Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane (playground)
- Lakewood**
- Greenhill Road & Crescent Road (by Baptist Church)
- CHARLESTOWNE VILLAGE AND CHARLESTOWNE NORTH**
- Property adjacent to Attic Park
- UNIVERSITY SQUARE**
- In front of swimming pool

- LAKESIDE NORTH**
- Near Swimming pool
- SPRINGHILL LAKE**
- Field past 9294 Edmonston
- GREENBRIAR**
- Between buildings 7708 & 7710
  - Between buildings 7728 & 7730
  - Between buildings 7826 & 7828
  - Between buildings 8003 & 8009
- GLEN OAKS**
- Between buildings 7903 & 7905
  - Between buildings 7509 & 7511
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- Between buildings 6936 & 6978
- WINDSOR GREEN**
- At court entrances, picked up by Windsor Green staff

- GREENBROOK VILLAGE AND ESTATES**
- Southeast corner of Ora Glen Drive & Matthew Drive
  - Southeast corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive
  - In front of barricade at Mandan Road & Matthew St
- GREENWOOD VILLAGE**
- Opposite 8175 Mandan
  - Opposite 7646 Mandan
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- GREENSPRING AND GREENSPRING II**
- Southwest corner of Megan Lane and Craddock Road
  - Park area between 7926 and 8006 Greenbury Drive
  - Corner of Spring Manor Drive and Springshire Way
  - Open area between 6519 and 6515 Springcrest Drive

- BELLE POINT**
- Corner of Vanity Fair Dr. and Prince James Way
  - Open area between 7800 and 7801 Vanity Fair Dr.
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- GREENBELT VILLAGE**
- Open area between 6729 & 6715 Village Park Drive
  - Open area across from 6632 Lake Park Drive
  - Open area across from 6510 & 6512 Lake Park Drive
- GREENBELT STATION**
- Central Park field along Stream Bank Lane

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

**For more information call 301-474-8000**

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Classes will be hosted via Zoom on Wednesdays, from 10:00 am - 11:30 pm and begin January 5, 2021 thru February 9, 2021.


**For more information or to register contact Katherine Farzin via Office: 240-542-2019 or Email: [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov)**

**JOIN THE CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION CORPS**

This year, the City of Greenbelt’s Department of Public Works is one of the many potential Host Organizations for the 2022-23 Chesapeake Conservation Corps service year. If successfully matched with the City of Greenbelt, you would be involved with multiple projects centered on natural resources management and sustainability.

Applications for the Chesapeake Conservation Corps and the Equity Fellowship must be submitted through the Trust’s online system by **March 3, 2022 at 4:00 pm**.

To learn more and apply go to <https://cbtrust.org/chesapeake-conservation-corps/apply/>



Does your pre-school aged child enjoy helping you cook, like exploring, and love to learn? Then check out Greenbelt Recreation’s pre-school programs **Mom’s Morning Out and Pre-School Enrichment and Fun**.

Mom’s Morning Out is a licensed traditional pre-school program that focuses on social development, fine and gross motor skills, listening, and following instructions. The Pre-School Enrichment and Fun program focuses on group games, sports skills, cooking classes, nature walks, science experiments, and much more. Both programs have a heavy emphasis on learning in a fun way! We offer pre-school programs Monday through Friday at the Youth Center. Financial aid is available for eligible Greenbelt residents.

**For more information, visit our Virtual Recreation Center online at [greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) or give us a call at 301-397-2200.**

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Corps of Engineers also paused the permitting review process. On August 30, BWRR lost their court battle in Baltimore when they attempted to use eminent domain to acquire rights of way in the Baltimore neighborhood of Westport. On November 6, the Maryland Coalition for Responsible Transit filed an appeal to challenge FRA’s refusal to share ridership data. On December 21, Rod Simmons gave a presentation to the Maryland Native Plant Society about the rare pristine wetlands and the globally rare Pine Barrens habitat in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and the Patuxent Research Refuge that SCMaglev would irreparably destroy. Meanwhile, Northeast Maglev, the SCMaglev project co-sponsor with BWRR, publicly claimed the widespread popularity of the project and BWRR engaged in heavy lobbying.

Beltway Plaza Redevelopment

In September, the Prince George’s County Planning Board approved the site plan for the first phase of the redevelopment of Beltway Plaza into a mixed-use development with 750 residential units, a 92-room hotel, 27,000 square feet of indoor recreation space, a dog park and eight acres of open space. The Greenbelt City Council had approved the plan in August after the developer made significant changes to the plan to meet council’s concerns. Construction of Phase 1 could begin next year and be completed in five to eight years.

The Café and the Co-op

Another victim of Covid-19, the New Deal Café finally reopened in the late summer, steadily increasing its range of activities to include food service and music. The new and interesting twist was that food and beverage service had become the fief of the Co-op Supermarket. In a new venture on cooperatives cooperating, the Café and the store created a partnership that capitalized on the proximity and buying power of the Co-op to aid the Café, and use of the Café’s commercial kitchen facilities to support the Co-op’s increasing venture into prepared foods. Walking through Roosevelt Center will often result in an encounter with a laden cart heading from one location to the other.

Starting small, the new operation opened with coffee and bagels, gradually expanding its range to include delicious cupcakes, tasty chilis and a range of dinner options. Covid-19, especially with the new resurgence, continues to impact attendance, but long-term expectations remain high.



PHOTO BY MELISSA SIGNORINI

Co-op General Manager Dan Gillotte is hard at work in the revitalized New Deal Café.

A Successful Year for Co-op

In completing and turning on its solar array early in the year, the Co-op Supermarket reached the culmination of nearly three years of effort in applying for, receiving and implementing its solar roof program. The array has already bitten into costs – with approximately \$40,000 in energy savings in the first months of operation – a figure that exceeded expectations. Other savings can also be credited to the program as a whole, in particular the absence of roof leaks.

Energy and maintenance savings, steady sales operations and the effect of government grants allowed the Co-op to declare its first dividend to patrons for some years and enabled it to contribute to employee retirement benefits.

During 2021, new General Manager Dan Gillotte completed his first full year at the store. His many and ongoing incremental changes made the store more dynamic. By participating in the bold experiment with the New Deal Café, he has brought a new energy to store operations. Creative sourcing, especially from local vendors and producers less subject to global supply chain issues, has helped Co-op continue to provide options during a time of revolving shortages.

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County Test and Vaccination Sites Continue Operations

by Cathie Meetre

*This report is based on the Prince George’s County newsletter of December 27 and reports from individuals.*

Current statistics on the rate of Covid-19 cases in the county and by zip code remain unobtainable as sites are still recovering from the recent server breach and are stuck at early December. Testing, hospitalization and vaccine data coverage are available and current. The testing data shows the highest rate of testing since the pandemic began and a rate of positivity close to that of January 2021 – the highest rate so far. The site may not record the results of all self-testing.

Testing

Free Covid-19 testing is available to county residents, regardless of insurance coverage, though individuals report that lines can be long and appointments over-subscribed. Increased demand for Covid-19 testing kits is causing shortages of self-test kits locally. In contrast, a correspondent in the UK notes that a simple online form on the National Health Service (the UK’s socialized medical system) website reliably results in the delivery of a batch of seven test kits within 48 hours, free and delivered to the doorstep. Every pharmacy in the UK also supplies free test kits.

The Prince George’s County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management operates a walk-in Covid-19 testing clinic at the Bunker Hill Fire Station, 3716 Rhode Island Avenue in Mt. Rainier. Testing is available to county residents Mondays through Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Luminis Doctors Health operates a free drive-up test site at the First United Methodist Church in Hyattsville, 6201 Belcrest Road, on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Waits at the drive-up site have been up to two-and-a-half hours and the site has at least once closed early due to having too many cars already in line. Check for holiday closings over New Years. Tests at these sites are PCR tests, which take about three days for results to come back.

County libraries have occasionally been offering free Covid-19 at-home test kits but due to high demand, they are currently out of stock. Check the county library website to see when they are restocked, and call 240-455-5451 to verify availability prior to visiting a library branch. Pharmacy chains also offer these tests, but limit numbers and may also be out of stock. There is a fee for pharmacy kits (~\$24 for a pack of two tests) and calling ahead is

recommended.

For more information about Covid-19 testing or to use the testing site locator to find a testing site, visit the County Health Department website at [princegeorgescountymd.gov/3472/COVID-19-Testing](https://princegeorgescountymd.gov/3472/COVID-19-Testing).

Vaccination

The County Health Department’s vaccination clinic is now at Prince George’s Community College, Largo Student Center. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Walk-ins are only accepted between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Free Covid-19 vaccines are also available at retail and grocery store pharmacies, urgent care facilities and other health care providers in the county. For more information about Covid-19 vac-

cinations and to find your nearest vaccination site, visit the County Health Department website at [princegeorgescountymd.gov/3730/COVID-19-Vaccine](https://princegeorgescountymd.gov/3730/COVID-19-Vaccine).

In collaboration with the County Health Department, Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) continue to host free Covid-19 vaccination clinics at elementary and high schools through January.

New clinic dates have been added during the PGCPS winter break. County residents ages 5 and older can receive the Covid-19 vaccine at these clinics, including booster doses for individuals ages 16 and older. Schedule an appointment at vaccination. [princegeorgescountymd.gov/en-US](https://princegeorgescountymd.gov/en-US).



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Holiday lights on Westway



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## Election

After months of increasingly contentious council meetings, often stretching into the wee hours of the next day, November’s voters gave Greenbelt a substantially changed city council. Councilmembers Edward Putens and Leta Mach retired. Ten candidates vied for the seven seats, resulting in Emmett Jordan returning as mayor, after two years of Colin Byrd, and newcomer Kristen Weaver being elected as mayor pro tem. Newcomer Brandon “Ric” Gordon and the remaining incumbents were also elected. And by a perhaps unexpectedly large margin, the referendum to establish a committee to study reparations for African American and Native American residents passed, making Greenbelt the first municipality in Maryland to establish such a commission.

## Police Reform

Reform of the Greenbelt Police Department was a much discussed and debated topic this year by council and residents. The issue was spurred by Councilmember (then mayor) Colin Byrd’s 2020 Fair and Just Policing Act proposal, which received an extensive review by the Public Safety Advisory Committee. Landmark state police reform legislation was another factor contributing to the reforms. Collectively, these items would amend or alter some of the department’s General Orders, which dictate the department’s day-to-day operations.

The proposed reforms cover a wide range, but many address greater transparency in the collection and release of information, like body camera footage, traffic stops and officer histories. They also require clear accountability standards, including termination, for police misconduct.

While the department has a positive record overall in its dealings with residents and the performing of its duties, the consensus was that comprehensive reform would prevent future abuses and ensure an equitable and responsible police department.

Council is expected to vote on these reforms in January 2022.

## Opening of The Granite Building

In early December, The Granite Building opened its doors. With a refurbished interior, the building holds onto its mid-century modern vibe while picking up on current trends. Visitors at the opening were impressed with the space and delighted to see the rejuvenation of the building, which has for several years been uninhabited on the upper floor. The new owners confirmed that the



The Granite Building

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## Found Item



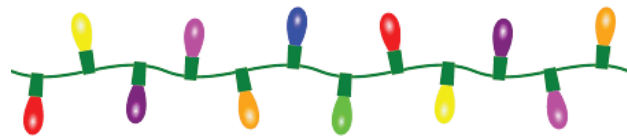
A found article hangs forlornly from a railing near the Lake entrance by the tennis courts. Have you lost it?

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A helpful sign on Ridge Road allows you to avoid the Grinch's lair.

PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER



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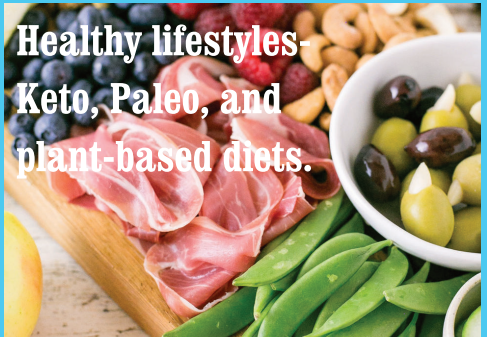
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The News Review invites Greenbelt businesses to submit brief announcements for the business column. Tell us about events such as new employees, anniversaries, awards won, new programs, and other newsworthy items. Send brief (40-50 words) items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

# McCarl Dental Practice Here Weathers Covid-19 Restrictions

by Cathie Meetre

The Greenbelt News Review wondered how local businesses have done in coping with the pandemic. First up is the McCarl dental practice at Ridge Road and Gardenway. This three-generation practice has been local since 1924 – but this is its first-ever pandemic.

### What did you do at the start of the pandemic?

When it became clear that Covid-19 was spreading globally, we immediately began to plan for infection control. Caring for our patients while keeping them safe from Covid-19 was, and still is, our main priority, as was keeping our staff and families safe.

We upgraded our already-stringent personal protective equipment (PPE). We required our patients to wear masks, took their temperatures and asked Covid-19 screening questions, installed plexiglass barriers, placed medical-grade air purifiers in every space and made our waiting room “virtual,” with patients waiting in their cars.

Once the Maryland Department of Health mandated a shutdown except for emergencies, we began a rotation of providers and staff for emergencies. This lasted from mid-March to mid-May 2020.

### How was access to PPE? Is it okay now?

There was scarcity of PPE and dental suppliers began rationing their allotted supply, which meant we didn’t know how much we’d get until it arrived. The county health departments also distributed rationed PPE to local offices. Fortunately, finding PPE today is much easier.

### How about your staff?

We didn’t lay off staff, but furloughed them to allow them to file for unemployment. Once we could reopen, we were excited to invite them all back. A few staff modified their work schedules according to individual concerns, which we understood and respected. We are happy to say that

we are now fully staffed.

### How about government programs?

The government’s efforts, such as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), played a tremendous part in keeping our workforce employed and making our offices safer.

### Do you feel you were successful in protecting staff and patients?

We had zero cases of Covid-19 spread at our office. McCarl Dental Group was very successful in protecting our staff and patients.

### When were you able to reopen?

Once the Maryland Department of Health permitted it in mid-May 2020, we felt confident in our protocols. Reopening was a team effort including staff and patients. We also hired an independent infection control expert to inspect our offices, giving a first-hand, stringent evaluation of all our measures.

### What major changes from the pre-Covid era remain?

Our staff stays masked throughout, as do our patients unless receiving treatment. We continue to take temperatures and patients still check in from their cars. Patients pre-rinse to reduce aerosol risk. Dentists, hygienists and assistants wear a combination of N95 masks, surgical masks and face shields depending on the procedure. The air purifiers remain in operation.

### What changes will you make permanent?

It remains to be seen. For example, an N95 mask may not be deemed as imperative; however, after seeing the debris on our face shields (which would otherwise have ended up on our faces), we may make masking permanent.

### How do your patients react to the changes?

The overwhelming majority of our patients do not mind the protocols we have in place and want

to keep our staff safe. We are happy to have seen the majority of our patients return.

### Is there a rebound effect from missing routine care?

We prefer to attend to dental concerns before they become emergencies and last year, we saw more broken teeth and infections. We believe our patients understand the potential risks of putting off their dental care and luckily they are returning for routine visits. When dental issues go on, alas, they tend to get more serious health-wise (with infections, for example) and more complex to treat. Fortunately, we have the high-tech equipment and experience for complex cases, with intraoral scanners, a same-day crown milling machine and a cone beam CT scan for advanced implant cases.

### How about supplies now?

Although certain PPE is still rationed, we have what we need to give our patients the best care possible, while protecting our staff.

### What did you learn from this period?

We are all reminded of the gratitude we feel for our patients, staff and our jobs themselves.

The Greenbelt News Review thanks the McCarl practice for taking the time to respond to our request for information.




Richard Duarte wears the full protective gear brought on by Covid-19.  
- Photos courtesy McCarl Dental Group



From left, Jay McCarl, DDS; Dianna Lee, DDS; Clayton McCarl, Jr., DDS; Richard Duarte, DDS and David McCarl, DDS

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

**A. GHI Closed Meeting – begins at 7:00 p.m. (closed to visitors and members)**

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting held on December 2, 2021
- b) Consider Approval of the following Contracts:
  - Contract for Repairs to a GHI Unit – 2nd reading
  - 2022-23 Contract for Yardi Property Management System -1st reading
- c) Member Financial Matters
- d) Member Complaint Matters
- e) Consultation with Legal Counsel on a Legal Matter


**B. GHI Open Meeting begins at 7.45 p.m. (open to visitors and members)**

- a) Statement of Closed Meeting Held on December 16, 2021
- b) Statement of Closed Meeting Held on January 6, 2022
- c) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on December 2, 2021
- d) Request by a Member to Also Acquire the Membership Interest in an Adjacent Unit When It is Sold
- e) Proposal for Signage at a Bird Hostel and Habitat in Parcel U of GHI Woodlands
- f) Proposed Rules for Pools and Outdoor Recreation Structures
- g) New Fannie Mae Requirements for Coop Projects
- h) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on January 20, 2022

To deter hacking, GHI requires persons who wish to attend the GDC and GHI Open meetings on January 6, 2022, to register in advance by accessing the following link:

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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# Police Blotter

Information in this article is based on a report from the Greenbelt Police Department. It covers the period from December 20 through 27. Anyone having information to assist the police in their enquiries is encouraged to contact the police department with the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or via email at [greenbeltmd@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:greenbeltmd@greenbeltmd.gov).

**Media Advisory**

On Tuesday, December 28 at approximately 9:46 p.m., Greenbelt Police Officers observed a large group fight outside the Hook & Reel Restaurant, 6002 Greenbelt Road, and located a man suffering from serious injuries. He sustained serious injuries after being stabbed, and was transported to an area hospital via helicopter. As of 8 a.m. Wednesday, December 29, no individuals are in custody.

On December 27 at approximately 1:37 p.m., the Greenbelt Police Department received reports of a non-contact shooting in the 9200 block of Springhill Lane. No victims were located.

**Automobile Crimes**

On December 20, two vehicles were stolen: in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, a 2021 white Jeep Grand Cherokee and in the 6600 block of Lake Park Drive, a Dodge Charger. On the same date, a catalytic converter was taken in the 100 block of Centerway.

On December 21, in the 14 Court of Ridge Road, a 2008 Gold Toyota Prius was stolen and on December 22, in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane, a 2000 gray Toyota Camry was reported stolen but was later located.

On December 23, in the 6100 block of Greenbelt Road, there was a locker theft and a 2014 white Mercedes-Benz ML Class SUV was stolen.

On December 24, at the intersection of Mathew Street and Mandan Road, there was an attempted theft when a passenger side window was smashed and a vehicle rummaged through. In the 6000 block of Breezewood Drive, a driver's side rear window was smashed and items removed. That same day in the 200 block of Lakeside Drive, items were stolen from a vehicle although there was no sign of forced entry and in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, an automobile was vandalized with the front passenger window smashed. December 26 also saw two cases of vandalism to autos: in the 6600 block of Lake Park Drive, where all four tires were damaged on a vehicle, and in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road, where a car window was smashed. During the week, two stolen vehicles were recovered,

one in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane and another in the 100 block of Westway.

**Driving Under the Influence**

An arrest was made on December 24 at Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. The driver was charged with driving under the influence, intent to distribute and illegal firearms possession.

**Package Theft**

December 23 and 24 both recorded package thefts, one in the 5500 block of Stream Bank Lane and another in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road the first day and one in the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway the next.

**Shoplifting**

Two shoplifting incidents were reported on December 22 in the 7600 and 6000 blocks of Greenbelt Road, respectively. Also reported the next day were two more shoplifting occurrences, both in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. On December 24, shoplifting was reported in the 5700 block of Cherrywood Lane.

**Theft**

A bike was stolen December 20 in the 100 block of Lynbrook Court and on December 22, a purse was stolen. On the 22nd, after an individual dropped a wallet, unauthorized purchases were made with the credit cards in it.

On December 23, a business on the 7700 block of Belle Point Drive had signs spray painted and items stolen.

# Shop with a Cop Adapts to Covid-19

Normally Shop with a Cop pairs up Greenbelt police officers and children to shop for Christmas presents for each child's family. This year, due to Covid-19, the process was different: instead of going to the store with their officer, the children made lists of their favorite presents and the police officer assigned to them did the shopping at Target. On December 17, police gathered in the fire station to wrap presents purchased with money donated specifically for the event.

Officer Sharnise Hawkins-Graham, the Police Department community liaison officer assigned to Franklin Park, organized this year's event. She called each family and coordinated the wrapping and delivery of the packages to Springhill Lake Elementary School for distribution to the students.



Officer KingBowe Ritson shows off a wrapped present.

  
- Photos courtesy Greenbelt Police



Officers and staff wrap presents for Shop with a Cop on Saturday, December 18. Even though the pandemic impacted the party, presents are wrapped and delivered on time.



Careful measurement is key to well-wrapped presents during the Shop with a Cop wrapping party on December 17.

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The News Review encourages readers to use the digital archive to discover their Greenbelt roots. The paper (originally named Greenbelt Cooperator, but changed to Greenbelt News Review in 1954) published its first issue less than two months after the first residents moved in, so has documented local news and community life since Greenbelt's beginnings. Any resident can learn about what was happening when they arrived in Greenbelt by reading issues from that time. The News Review Archives webpage is easy to use for this purpose, and it displays the digital papers in a near full-screen format that is easy to read.

Research Your Family

Greenbelters with relatives who were resident here before their own arrival can search for information about them in the digital archive. In recent years, the Our Neighbors column mostly offers condolences. In the past this column, which first appeared in the January 2, 1941, Cooperator, was often packed full of news about what residents were doing, providing a rich resource for anyone researching family history. Even before Our Neighbors appeared, the Cooperator regularly mentioned the names of residents as they became involved in clubs, offered decorating tips or recipes, hosted guests, made out-of-town trips, etc. And letters to the editor reveal their views on various topics.

Research Your Home

Residents of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) housing cooperative have links to Greenbelt's early years through their homes, and can conduct research to learn about the people who lived there before them. For some, the Hi, Neighbor! column may be useful to anchor the search. Hi, Neighbor! first appeared in the Cooperator on January 30, 1942, after people started moving into the newly built defense housing (GHI's frame units), and ran into July 1945, reporting not just new arrivals but departures and moves within the community.

To provide an example, and perhaps motivate others, this reporter researched the roots of her own GHI home, and quickly found that the first president of the Greenbelt Citizen's Association lived there and that at least two previous residents had been on the Cooperator staff, which was gratifying to learn. And she confirmed that Eleanor Roosevelt stopped by, in December 1937, because she wanted to see "one of these houses being used, being lived in." Information on her home's previous residents was found through the 1960s, after

which addresses weren't printed with resident names because of privacy concerns. Many of us know the names of people who lived in our homes since then because we still occasionally receive mail for them or some of our neighbors knew them. GHI does not routinely provide members with the names of previous residents.

Search Tips

This reporter had a lot of fun doing this research and it didn't take very long. A tip for anyone else who wishes to research their family or GHI home is to search in the News Review collection on the Internet Archive (IA), if possible on a computer with a large monitor – use one of the Greenbelt Library's computers if you don't otherwise have access to one. Type the person's name or the GHI address (use court-unit format) in the search bar and check Text Contents below the bar. IA brings up all issues in which it finds the search term, capsulizing the text around it beneath the thumbnail image of each issue. This is the first occurrence found, so be sure to click on the image to display the text around other occurrences of the search term (in a section to the left of the displayed paper). IA also marks the pages the search term occurs on, highlighting it in pale lavender.

Note, though, that the text recognition is not perfect, so a search will likely bring up some spurious text that has nothing to do with your family member or home address, or it may miss some occurrences. Still, searches certainly will find some items of interest. Once familiar with the digital archive, researchers may be drawn to learn other things about Greenbelt, which will surely distract them in the search for their roots. For questions or further assistance, contact [newsreview.archive@gmail.com](mailto:newsreview.archive@gmail.com).

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Deanna Dawson was the coordinator of the Greenbelt Archive Project.

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various rooms were fully leased and said that they had a waiting list for space. The opening also sees a return of post office boxes to the center of the city, from which they have been missing since the post office beneath the Co-op grocery store closed its doors in 2006. The downstairs of the building now hosts a medical practice, perpetuating the original use of the building in providing medical care in the center of the city.

Violent Crimes, Public Police Forums

This year saw a spike in carjackings, robberies and violent incidents. To date, there have been 20 carjackings (three last year), 63 robberies (51 last year) and 25 shootings (same as last year). No particular group is being targeted and they have occurred throughout the city.

The Greenbelt Police Department has endeavored to increase its patrols and redeploy officers to the hotspots at the times when these crimes are most frequent. While the department has not divulged a detailed strategy in order not to alert perpetrators, arrests have been made in several cases.

Chief Richard Bowers indicated that the carjackings are mainly "crimes of opportunity" and not premeditated acts. Often cars are taken when left untended to warm up in the morning or when motorists stop at a traffic light and are ambushed.

The best way to avoid being a victim is to simply be aware of one's surroundings and not get distracted. If a situation appears risky, residents should heed their instincts and take appropriate steps, including contacting the police. Even a small tip can lead to the avoidance of or solution to a crime.

As 50 percent of the perpetrators are juveniles under the age of 16, Greenbelt police are focused on addressing the onset of criminality through adult mentorship and engaging recreational activities.



A variety of creatures welcome the holidays on Laurel Hill Road.



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**Senior Living 55+ Community 2Br 2Ba** completely remodeled w/ new kitchen, baths, sunlit enclosed patio, new carpet & paint.

**TWO ADDITIONS!** Full bath with shower and tub on main level. Large fenced corner lot with deck and shed. Mini-split HVAC. Lots of space inside!

**Brick Townhome with Addition** Full bath on main level. Remodeled kitchen & bath. Central A/C, refinished hardwood flrs., shaded & fenced backyard.

**Large floorplan w/addition** Half bath on main level. Masonry townhome w/ fenced backard & brick patio. Zoned HVAC system, 11' x 17' master br.

**Townhome with 2 additions** 2 bedroom GHI townhome on corner lot. Large fenced yard, full back, extra storage in front. Central HVAC.

**4 Bedroom 3 Level Townhome** Master bedroom & full bath on main level. Opened remodeled kitchen, fireplace in lr. Backs to protected woodlands.

**Charlestowne Village** Single-level 1-br condo in Greenbelt - no stairs! Parquet flooring throughout. Remodeled kit. With Stainless Steel appliances.

**Addition - Backs to Woodlands** Completely remodeled throughout; half bath on main level. Zoned HVAC system. Fenced yard, shed & raised deck.

**Brick Townhome 2 Bedroom** GHI townhome completely remodeled throughout. Modern kitchen with stainless steel washer. Hardwood flooring on both levels.

**Upper Level One Bedroom** GHI home with full master bedroom, dryer in separate room. Hardwood floors, finished hardwood flooring throughout. Nice!

**2 BR Townhome** Remodeled GHI home w/ new carpet fresh paint & ceramic bath. Don't miss this one!

**Full Attached Inlaw apartment** 5 BR, 4 Bath home with full kitchen, Elevator to basement, 2 Full kitchens, generator, fireplace & more.

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# Sing a Song in Honor of JWST With the A Cappella Chromatics

by Melissa Sites

“It’ll be the biggest telescope in space, gonna see 13 billion light years away, the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)!” The Chromatics, an a cappella group with a mission to write and perform songs about science (and other topics), have released a new song celebrating NASA’s launch of a magnificent new space telescope from French Guiana on Christmas Day at 7:20 a.m. in partnership with the European and Canadian Space Agencies. Check out the song at [youtube.com/watch?v=117DaE4Qa4Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=117DaE4Qa4Q) on the Chromatics YouTube channel, AstroCappella. The song gives a fun overview of what the JWST is and does, which YouTube supports with helpful pictures and scientific diagrams.

The Chromatics ([thechromatics.com](https://thechromatics.com)) include Padi Boyd of Greenbelt, John Meyer, Michelle Orhan, Scott Rohrbach, and Alan and Karen Smale. Rohrbach, who worked on the JWST mission and also lives in Greenbelt, wrote the song. In addition, Boyd, NASA’s chief of the Exoplanets and Stellar Astrophysics Laboratory and project scientist for the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite, recorded four episodes of a podcast for NASA, in which she gives an engaging introduction to the ideas and people behind the JWST project. To listen to the podcast, go to [nasa.gov/mediacast/introducing-the-webb-space-telescope-mini-series](https://nasa.gov/mediacast/introducing-the-webb-space-telescope-mini-series).

JWST, unlike the Hubble Space Telescope, is sensitive to infrared wavelengths, allowing astronomers to look past cosmic dust to see distant objects, including exoplanets. Using infrared, it’s possible to see what those planets are made of and whether their atmospheres contain water. The JWST can take in light from the beginning of the universe – coming from the very first galaxies that are now traveling away on the edge of the expanding universe.

At this writing, the telescope is still folded up as it travels a million miles to L2. This is an equilibrium point where the gravity of the Sun and Earth balance to make a stable location where the telescope will be protected by Earth from the light and heat of the Sun, and require a minimum of propulsion to keep on station. Over the 29 days from launch, the telescope will travel to L2, unfold its five-layer sunshield and assemble its giant 6.5-meter mirror, made of 18 hexagonal mirror segments. There is a plethora of moving parts and everything has to unfold just right. Stay tuned to [jwst.nasa.gov](https://jwst.nasa.gov) to keep track of how JWST is doing.

The telescope is named after James E. Webb, a President Kennedy appointee who led NASA from 1961 to 1968 during much of the Apollo mission. He helped the agency develop crucial science goals and partnerships beyond the moon landing, including planning to put large telescopes in space in order to accomplish ambitious science missions.



The Chromatics get masked up to perform at Worldcon Science Fiction Convention in Washington, D.C. on Friday, December 17.

PHOTO COURTESY THE CHROMATICS



Arianespace's Ariane 5 rocket with NASA's James Webb Space Telescope on board is seen at the launch pad on Thursday, December 23, at Europe's Spaceport, the Guiana Space Center in Kourou, French Guiana.

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Reinmingos await Santa with anticipation.

PHOTO BY LETTY WILSON BONNELL

## Crane on Westway



An enormous crane appears over GHI homes on December 21.



Upon further inspection, trees are the reason.



A worker has to be up the tree to do the job.



He hangs from the crane to get to the tree, which is not for the faint of heart.

- Photos by Elizabeth Gaines